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1. Soviet engineers living in Ladek Zdroj (Bad Landeck-P51/H43) supervised uranium-ore mining in the immediate vicinity of Kloessengrund located at Glatzer Schneeberg. The road to Wilhelmsthal was blocked just south of Stronie Slaskie (Seitenberg-P51/H42). The work force, which included approximately one hundred Polish workmen in 1946 when mining operations were started, was increased to 3,000 by 1951. 50X1-HUM

2. No information was obtained on the quantities of ore mined. In early 1950 [redacted] six to eight ZIS-type two-axle trucks with dual rear wheels moved on the Stronie Slaskie-Ladek Zdroj road every three days. By late 1950 the number of trucks observed had increased to about eight to twelve. The load of each truck generally consisted of five or six drums, about 80 cm. high, which covered only three quarters of the loading area. The armed drivers and guards were believed to be Poles and Russians. Rumors indicated that these truck convoys moved to Jelenia Gora (Hirschberg), where the ore was allegedly processed. 50X1-HUM

3. In 1950 extension work on the Stronie Slaskie railroad station was started. By January 1951, new tracks and loading ramps were observed. Simultaneously a narrow-gauge railroad line extending in the direction of Glatzer Schneeberg was constructed. No information was obtained as to the date this new railroad line was put into operation.

4. [redacted] in 1945 prospecting was started by the Soviets in the old lead mines near Leuthen, two kilometers northeast of Ladek Zdroj and in Johannisberg, southwest of Stronie Slaskie. After almost a year the prospecting and testing activities were discontinued. [redacted] it was generally known that uranium ore mining in Poland was directed and conducted by the Soviets. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

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